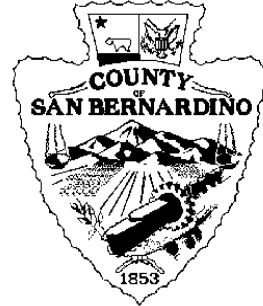


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LAND PURCHASE MARKS KICKOFF FOR PHELAN PARK

VICTORVILLE – First District Supervisor Bill Postmus today announced that the County of San Bernardino has begun the process of developing a new community park with the acquisition of 2.5 acres of property in Phelan.

The property, which was purchased earlier this month by County Service Area 9 (Phelan), is located behind the Phelan Community Center. It was sold to the County by the Phelan Chamber of Commerce for \$43,066. Another \$35,000 has been set aside for landscape architecture, design and land-use processing for the “design phase” of the project. A Request for Proposals for construction and equipment could be issued by the County by fall of 2003.

The planned community park will feature a picnic area, a children's play area and sports activity areas. It will also feature drought-tolerant landscaping and a walking trail. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$400,000.

“The Phelan community has been working with my office to plan a new park for several years,” Postmus said. “We were able to get the Board of Supervisors to allocate \$400,000 for this project, and now with the purchase of this property we’re ready to move into the design phase.”

The funds allocated by the Board of Supervisors were from its share of Proposition 12 dollars made possible by voter approval of the Clean Drinking Water and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Act of 2000.

Postmus credited Ken Anderson and his colleagues on the Phelan Municipal Advisory Council for helping with the project.

Jeff Rigney of the County Special Districts Department said he is hopeful construction of the park can commence by January 2004 and be completed before summer of 2004.